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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Further to the Final Action of November 8, 2005 and to the Examiner's Interview of December 15, 2005, please amend the present patent application as follows and reexamine the application in view of the amendments and remarks provided.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.